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SUBJECT: ESCAP 32ND PLENARY SESSION

1. DEPT PROCEEDING WITH PREPARATION OF POSITION PAPERS WITHIN LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY VERBOSE AND PARTIALLY ILLEGIBLE DRAFT ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA. IS FINAL VERSION OF ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA ENROUTE YET? IF NOT, REQUEST EMBASSY OBTAIN ASAP AND CABLE RPT CABLE ANNOTATIONS FOR ITEMS 4 THROUGH 7 UNLESS LENGTH IS SUCH THAT CABLING WOULD BE OUT OF QUESTION.

2. ALSO NEED EMBASSY COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS BY CABLE.

3. DEPT PLANNING PREPARE PAPERS ON ITEMS 4(A), (B), (C), (D) AND ON PRIORITY PROJECTS 1, 2, 3 AND 5 THROUGH 9 LISTED PAGES 10-11 OF DRAFT ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA. AID WILL DECIDE WHETHER PAPER NEEDED FOR PRIORITY PROJECT 4, PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY SUITABLE FOR USE AND PRODUCTION IN ASIA. NO PAPER BEING REQUESTED FOR PRIORITY PROJECT 10, COORDINATING PLANNING ETC. OF ENERGY RESOURCES IN LDC'S IN ESCAP REGION.

A. RE ITEM 5 DEPT IS SEEKING TO DEVELOP POSITIONS ON SELECTED ITEMS UNDER SOME (BUT NOT ALL) COMMITTEE REPORTS.

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BELIEVE WE DO NOT NEED POSITIONS ON REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

MEETINGS THAT WERE DEVOID OF ISSUES INVOLVING US CONCERNS.
FOLLOWING ARE POSITIONS NOW ASSIGNED FOR PREPARATION:

(1) AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (RICE TRADE FUND, REGIONAL
INSTITUTE ON COARSE GRAINS ETC., AND AGRICULTURAL INFOR-
MATION SCHEME);

(2) INTERNATIONAL TRADE (TO COVER TRADE PROMOTION CENTER
AND PREPARATIONS FOR UNCTAD IV);

(3) IHT (FOLLOW-UP TO CONF OF ASIAN MEMBERS OF INDUSTRY
AND UNIDO II AND PROPOSED REGIONAL CENTER FOR TRANSFER
OF TECHNOLOGY;

(4) NATURAL RESOURCES (REMOTE SENSING AND S.E.A. TIN
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER.);

(5) POPULATION (PAPER ON POP CTE MTG AND TO COVER
DOCUMENTS ON TRANSLATION OF POP MATERIALS AND REPORT ON
CURRENT DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS);

(6) SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT TO INCLUDE ASIAN PLAN FOR INTE-
GRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT AND

(7) TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS WITH REFERENCE ONLY TO
PROPOSAL TO CREATE A SHIPPING COMMITTEE.

B. UNDER ITEM 6 WE ARE DEVELOPING POSITIONS ON THE MEKONG
CTE AND THE CCOP. NO PAPERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED ON REGIONAL
INSTITUTIONS OR ON TYPHOON CTE REPORT.

3. PLEASE CABLE LIST OF ANY DOCUMENTS NOW IN TRANSIT.
WE HAVE RECEIVED DOCUMENTS FORWARDED UNDER TRANSMITTAL
SLIPS OF JANUARY 12, 26, 27 AND FEBRUARY 11 (RECEIVED
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